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ORDER EXTENDING THE DEADLINES FOR ADOPTION OF PUBLIC SAFETY LOCAL OPTION INCOME TAX


On August 2, 2007, Governor Daniels directed the Department of Local Government Finance and the Department of Revenue to extend the deadlines for counties to adopt a local option income tax to address public safety needs in a manner that will not further increase property taxes.

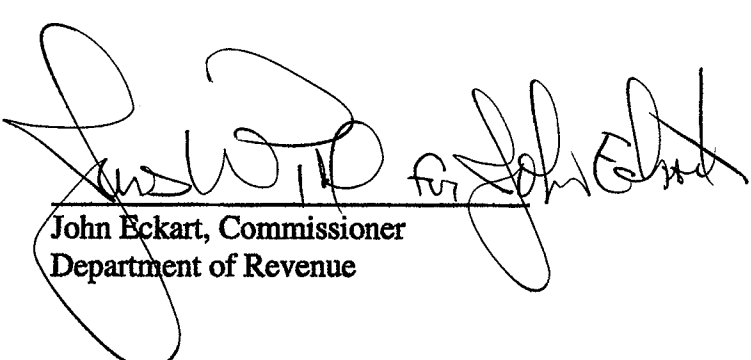
This extension is granted due to the lack of sufficient information for counties to make decisions on whether to adopt this important public safety funding tool by the August 1 deadline. Accordingly, it is appropriate and necessary for the Department of Local Government Finance and the Department of Revenue to work with counties that adopt as soon as they can, but within a reasonable time after August 1 of 2007, to put the public safety local option income tax in place for the first year of administering the program. It is clear that the legislature intended the counties to be able to act in time to make this public safety funding option effective for 2007 pay 2008 property taxes, but the lack of available information requires the administering agencies to extend the deadlines to October 1, 2007.

In order to adopt the local option income tax for public safety, a county must also have adopted the dollar-for-dollar property tax relief and the property tax levy freeze local option income taxes. The deadline for adoption of those taxes was previously extended by order of the Department of Local Government Finance and the Department of Revenue on July 30, 2007.

In accordance with the Governor's instructions, and in conformance with the authority granted under IC 6-3.5-1.1-25(j) and IC 6-3.5-6-31(j), the Department of Local Government Finance and the Department of Revenue hereby ORDER that any county desiring to adopt the local option income tax to fund public safety, without further increases to property taxes, may do so by adopting the required ordinance before October 1, 2007.

Dated this 3rd day of August, 2007.


Cheryl A.W. Musgrave, Commissioner
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